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<u>PATENT</u> <u>Case No.: 10022/035</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
-) Group Art Unit: 2166
Scott R. Sargent, et al.)
) Examiner: Not Known
Serial No.: 09/676,227)
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Filed: September 29, 2000)
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For: ARCHITECTURES FOR)
NETCENTRIC COMPUTING)
SYSTEMS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

As a Preliminary Amendment to the above-referenced application, please enter the following. No new matter has been added.